A "FENCE" RAIDED.

A Large Haul of Stolen Property and Arrest of Thieves.

The police made a raid yesterday on a "fence" or system of "fences" on the corner of Chicago and Eleventh streets and between Cass and Chicago, near the same corner. They arrested the following, all colored: A. Anderson, Amanda Ford, Julia Forest, Mary Love, and Minnie Wallace. They also arrested two white boys named Charles Parker, aged fifteen, and Charles Fuller, aged fourteen. Parker's father is a carpenter and Fuller's father is a conductor on the Union Pacific. Besides making the arrest the officers succeeded in capturing a large quantity of ladies dress goods and shoes. The goods were stolen from George Hayden and the shoes from S. P. Morse.

The officials had been picking up clues during the week, all centering in the place raided, in their efforts to account for the whereabouts of the missing property, and the result showed the correctness of their theories. The table in the police court was piled up with the goods captured. There were four pair of ladies' fine French shoes, valued at $5 a pair, and several pairs of misses' and children's shoes, Mr. Hayden says the dress goods in court are only remnants of whole bolts stolen. He pointed out one remnant of red flannel with a black plaid of only a few yards, which was from a bolt of forty yards stolen The value of the goods found by the police is about $100; the amount stolen is difficult to learn at present as the owners cannot say, but it is quite large. The two white boys were induced to commit the thefts and were paid by the colored people for the articles stolen. The amounts paid by the latter were from twenty-five to fifty cents for bolts worth $5 and $10. Charles Fuller's mother was in court and cried pitiously as she recounted the way in which her son had been led astray by Parker. The proof showed that the boys took the goods from the sidewalk stands, where they were displayed, and the work had been going on for two weeks. The two boys were held to await the action of the grand jury in the sum of $250 each and were locked up in default of bail. Julia Farrell was fined $30 and given thirty days. The other defendants were fined $30 except Mary Lowe, who was given thirty days in jail. Captain Green and Officer Matza made the arrests.

SOUTH OMAHA NOTES.

T. F. Elliot has opened a law office on N street.

J. P. Hayes departed for Chicago yesterda, where he will spend a week visiting his family.

M. H. Ish has sold his stock of general merchandise to J. E. Eastman.

An accomplished young lady of the Third ward was displaying an engagement ring to friends yesterday, which leaves the inference that the nuptials will soon take place.

A three-year-old child of H. B. Cartner died Wednesday night and was buried this afternoon.

A new real estate office will be located in Morris Morrison's old stand.

Hatch & Elliott have opened a new real estate office on N street.

The city council will meet to-night to discuss the motor bond question and the advisability of taking the census of the town.

The yardmaster of South Omaha handled Wednesday 58 cars of cattle, 23 cars of hogs and 14 cars of meat. This was an unusually big day for this time of the year.

In the last ten days thirty cars of material were received at the new carriage factory.

A foot race took place Wednesday night between two local sprinters, A. Kellner and Court Horine. The distance to be run was 100 yards and a purse of $5 a side. Kellner broke down on the first fifty yards and Horine won the race without much effort.

A meeting was held Wednesday night in the Iowa hall for the purpose of organizing a shooting club. About twenty men were present and the organization was soon effected. Adam Killner was elected president, J. P. Hayes secretary and J. H. Johnson treasurer. Meetings will be held every Wednesday evening and a shoot once every week.

A BASKET SOCIABLE.

The basket sociable held in the school house Wednesday night proved to be a very successful affair. A large number of young people were present. The feature of the evening was the auctioning of lunch baskets which had been prepared by the young ladies. The rule was that each gentleman who bought a basket was to have the lady who put up the lunch dine with him on the contents. The amounts received varied from fifty cents to $2. After the baskets had been disposed of refreshments, in the shape of ice cream and cake were served by the society. All present thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

ARRESTED FOR ROBBERY.

The city marshal and his force of officers went to work with a will to apprehend the perpetrators of the daring highway robbery of Joseph Krasensky and succeeded so far as to cause two of the four, Michael Connelly and Dennis McCormack, to be sent up yesterday, by Judge Reuther to await the action of the district court, in default of $500 bail each.

John Connor was arrested Wednesday, by Marshal Rice on the charge of being implicated in the robbery of money and valuables to the amount of $260 from George S. Chandler, a stock dealer, at the Benson house, on August 21. Connor was placed in jail to await a preliminary hearing and the arrest of his accomplices that the police are on the track of and soon hope to bring to justice. There is strong circumstantial evidence against Connor.

BIG INJUNCTION SUIT.

The Board of Education Called Into Court.

Charles J. Ryan commenced suit yesterday through his attorney, George W. Doane, against the board of education and John Rush, city treasurer, The cause of action is to restrain defendants from purchasing certain lots in Saunders & Himebaugh's addition for school purposes. The petition alleges the site is totally unfit for school purposes; that no publication was made; that the blocks named in the report are incorrect; that the interests of the majority living in the district named has not been considered, that the sum of $25,000 allowed this year for school building expenditures, etc., has been exhausted, and so forth. Judge Neville granted the injunction temporarily until September 1, when it will be argued.

It is said this case will expose considerable rottenness in the school board. People state that S. K. Felton, one of the members of the board from the Ninth ward, was instrumental in changing the location of this school site to benefit his own property after the committee had decided on the former site. It is also said that he is operating with the Strang company for certain contracts connected with school buildings, and that Fred W. Gray, the lumberman, is interested as far as furnishing material for this school. Yesterday Hugh G. Clarke stopped a job in Ambler place where a school site was to be selected at great expense especially as the county had offered the board two acres of the poor farm at a nominal price. The feeling in this matter has become such that an indignation meeting will be held on Walnut Hill to consider it and the Ninth ward republican club will discuss the matter at the meeting next Tuesday.

BIG MAIL WORK.

The Busiest Democrat in Town—How Letter Transfers are Made.

Wednesday there arrived three tons of fast mail matter from New York for Omaha delivery. W. H. Spaulding, who has charge of the mail transfer at the depot, is the busiest democrat in town these days. From 6:30 in the morning until 8:30 in the evening he is flying around like a man who has lost something and expects to find it. The quickest work is when the dummy train comes over at 10 o'clock. This brings the eastern mail. The B. & M. train for Lincoln and the west leaves at 10:05. Now this dummy is hardly ever on time, and the consequence is Spaulding gets mad. The B. & M. usually waits three minutes for him and the way he has to haul the truckload of mail matter from the Union Pacific depot over to the B. & M. train would make a man running for office get a pointer. The great question in Spaulding's mind is why the mail from the east is not sent over on the 9:40 train instead of the 10 o'clock. This would save considerable work in the matter of transfer, and people west of Omaha along the B. & M. would never miss their mail.

NEW TOWNS.

On the C., M. & St. P. Railway.

The opening sale of lots in the new towns of Buck Grove, Bell and Kenwood will occur on August 31, September 1 and 2, respectively. These towns are located on the Sioux City and Manilla branch of the C., M. & St. P. railway, and afford an excellent opportunity for safe investment

C. A. PADLEY,
Gen. Land Agent, Milwaukee, Wis.
H. G. HAUGAN, Land Com'r C., M. & St. P. railway, Milwaukee, Wis.

Railroad News.

Yesterday morning there was a private meeting of Commissioner J. N. Faithorn, C. M. Wicker, George L. Carman, Oscar Murray, traveling manager of the Missouri Pacific; Daniel Atwood, general freight agent of the Chicago, Kansas & Nebraska; K. C. Morehouse, general freight agent of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley, G. F. Wheelock, assistant general freight agent of the same road; F. Malligan, general freight agent of the St. Joseph & Grand Island, and Thomas Miller, general freight manager of the B. & M. The gathering took place in the general manager's office of the Union Pacific. The whole day was consumed in discussion of a number of subjects, principally affecting shippers of stock who have been asking reduced rates. Incidentally, the matter of increased rates over the new Union Pacific bridge, which it seems the management has undertaken to impose, was considered, together with several other matters pertaining to terminal facilities, rates at junction points. What action had been taken is unknown, because everybody except the officers mentioned is excluded from the place of meeting.

General Passenger Agent Morse returned yesterday from the east. He was asked what he proposed to do after his retirement from the Union Pacific on the first of next month. He said he did not know. "With us railroad men, you know," he said, "it is work, work until the last day, and then look around for another place."

George W. Holdrege, general manager of the B. & M. in Nebraska, came from Burlington, Ia., yesterday, where a big meeting of the Burlington officials was held. Among those present were Superintendent Brown, of the Iowa division of the road; J. D. Bessler, general superintendent of the Burlington, General Manager Stone, Paul Morton, general ticket and passenger agent, and General Manager Merrill, of the Kansas City & St. Joe road.

Comptroller Mink, of the Union Pacific, arrived in the city yesterday. Inasmuch as he left here a few days ago with President Adams there are rumors in the air.

Colonel J. J. Dickey, general western superintendent of the Western Union, left for New Mexico yesterday to look over the new territory lately placer under his charge. This includes Southern California, Southern Kansas, Arizona, and New Mexico.

BUFFET CARS.

There are seven cars of the Pullman make being refitted and rearranged at the shops for buffet service and two across the river being stocked. These cars were originally intended for dining room service but when the Pacific hotel took possession of the eating houses on the road they were left out. Since then they have been used for ordinary sleeping-car purposes. Among the changes that are being made is the introduction of patent refrigerators that will keep an overcoat on a beefsteak in July.

First Harvest Excursion to Dakota.

Half-fare rates via Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. for round trip tickets to points in southern, central and northern Dakota. Excursion train starts August 30th. Don't forget the date. Apply at City Ticket Office, 1401 Farnam street, Omaha. F. A. NASH, General agent.

Testing the Gas.

It is intended by the owners of the newly discovered natural gas spring in the north end of the town, to erect all necessary machinery for the boring of a well immediately, and learn without delay whether or not their hopes are founded upon facts, or if their gas discovery will go with the coal discovery into the whence.

It is now more than a year since it was discovered that the water in the springs adjacent were charged with crude petroleum, while at the same combustible substance exuded from the earth in many places. The matter was kept quiet and yesterday, in view of the promising prospects the owners above mentioned secured title to the land upon which the spring is located, on the payment of $3,500, the land in question being a strip of 50x157 feet.

Yesterday several real estate agents and capitalists again visited the scene and made several tests of the gas. The reservoir was filled several times and when the gas was turned on and ignited the flame burned for several minutes, to the satisfaction of all who witnessed it.

A BEE reporter yesterday met Mr. T. K. Baker and learned that the promise of a supply of illuminating gas was most satisfactory. In his experience gas had been found in quantities in land such as surrounded the place where the prospecting is now being carried on. He suggested to Mr. Maul that he ought to lose no time in establishing a stock company to make the necessary investigation, which he thought would not cost more than $2,500 or $3,000.

J. P. Ash, a well known plasterer of this city, is the man who first discovered the burning properties of the natural gas spring. He was eating his mid-day lunch at home some time ago near the place named. Observing peculiar globules on the water he took a cup of it, and as he was lighting his pipe the gas from the water took fire and burned the hair from off his hand. The next day he told Mr. Thos. Callan, proprietor of the Tremont house Both visited the spot and the "Doubtful Thomas" commenced to examine for himself. The result was that he had his eyebrows burned off and his blonde mustache destroyed forever. Those gentlemen can testify that the gas at this spring will burn.

EVERYBODY THANKED.

The County Teachers Become Very Grateful.

The following resolutions were passed at the close of the session of the teachers' institute yesterday, and 100 pedagogues voted and cheered affirmatively:

Whereas, The Douglas County Teachers' Institute is drawing to a close, and its members feel that some expression is due from them showing their appreciation of the many favors received, therefore be it

Resolved, That we acknowledge our indebtedness to the city school board for the use of the high school building, and for which we extend our grateful thanks.

Resolved, That thanks are due to the city press for the courtesies shown to us in reporting our progress; to Harper & Bros., for so kindly furnishing institute note books; to Dr. Kauffman, for the use of White's Manikin chart.

Resolved, That we extend our warmest thanks to County Superintendent James B. Bruner for his untiring zeal in performing the duties of his office and the satisfactory manner in which he has conducted the institute; to Mrs. Keysor, for the excellent methods she has brought to our notice and the interesting lectures she has given us; to Miss Strong for the able manner in which she has handled the subjects assigned to her; to Professors Rohrbough and Worley of the Omaha Commercial college, for the instruction given and the deep interest they have manifested in our progress; to the Rev. Dr. Harsha, of Bellevue college, for his instructive lecture upon cyclones.

Whereas, It has pleased an allwise providence to remove from our midst Dr. Max Randall and to terminate so suddenly a life of trust and usefulness, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the teachers of Douglas county, with whom he was so long associated, as a co-laborer in the cause of education, deplore our loss. And while we bow in silence under the chastening hand, we still recognize in this sad event the work of Him who doeth all things well.

THE WOOD LAKE WRECK.

Talk With the Only Passenger Who Was Injured.

A. P. Schroyer, of Woodward, Ia., arrived yesterday, on his way home Valentine, Neb. He was on the passenger train of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad, which was derailed five miles west of Wood Lake, Neb., yesterday morning at 5:30. Mr. Schroyer was sitting on the coal box at the time the accident occurred, and was severely bruised, being the only passenger injured. He says that had it not been for the mail car being thrown to the right of the track there would undoubedtly have been frightful casualty. As it was Albert Aiken, the foreman of the derailed locomotive was instantly killed. He was from Dixon, Ill., and his body is now at Long Pine, Neb., awaiting transfer to his former eastern home. The disabled train resumed its journey at 11 o'clock, the conductor succeeding in obtaining the assistance of a freight which was switched at Johnstown, a few miles away.

Besides the engine the mail and baggage car were ditched and the passenger cars ran on the broken rails some one hundred and fifty feet into the sand on the track sinking above their trucks. Mr. Schroyer says that nearly all the passengers were asleep at the time but the jarring and crash caused the greatest confusion. The train was crowded with people on their way to the G. A. R. reunion at Norfolk. The cause of the accident was the displacement of the track where the steel rails joined the old iron ones.

Malaria.

Fred Brown's Jamaica Ginger will relieve any sudden attack of malaria. Never go to a malarious district without it.

The Synagogue.

Adolph Meyer, musical director of the sygagogue, announces that the choir for the next year has been selected as follows: Mrs. J. W. Cotton, soprano; Miss L. Pennell, alto; Mr. W. B. Wilkins, tenor; Mr. T. J. Pennell, basso; Miss M. Boulter, organist.

The regular Friday night service at the synagogue will commence at 7:30 o'clock at which Rabbi Benson will deliver a lecture on "Religious Perplexity" the second discourse in the series "Is Religion necessary?"

Temporary enlargement of the synagogue has been made for the holidays only, as it has now been determined to erect a new place of worship.

Another Daily Paper.

For several weeks vague rumors have been afloat that Omaha is to have another daily newspaper, under the management of O. H. Rothacker. Many persons were inclined to believe that it was only a case of wind. The fact is, however, that the scheme is now rapidly materializing. Subscriptions to the stock of the proposed paper are being solicited. Among those who have subscribed $1,000 each are Isaac S. Hascall, Hugh Murphy, and several other men who are interested in politics, public improvements, and raising hell generally.

The Advance Guard.

The coming fair and the Grand Army of the Republic reunion in this city are attracting confidence men, thieves and persons of a like ilk from all over the country. Already they are arriving but the police are prepared to give them a proper reception. Charles Mares and James Chamberlain at the Union Pacific depot, Officer Olsen at the B. & M. and Ward, the regular day police officer on the Tenth street beat, commenced yesterday to examine incoming suspects very closely. It is safe to say "crooked" people will have to keep clear of the depots.

Electric Lustre Starch is the best laundry starch in the world.

Under Bonds.

Frank McKinney, who has been on trial for being engaged in the lottery business, was placed under $400 bonds yesterday during the progress of the case. It is said the continuance was made to allow Nat Brown, the prosecuting witness to attend the Des Moines fair races, whither he went Wednesday.